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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SECURING TISSUE

Examiner: Diane D. Yabut

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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**Introductory Comments**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2010, Applicant requests continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application.

In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits, this response serves to clarify the present invention, and is independent of patentability.